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COURT CALENDAR

Four Criminal Cases on the Docket

ONLY THREE AFTER DIVORCES

A Complete Review of the January Calendar

One murder case, one burglary, one violation of the local option law, one case of wife desertion, three divorce suits, five chancery cases, and nineteen issue of fact cases constitute the calendar for the coming court. That there are only four criminal cases speaks very highly for Gratiot county. The following is the list of cases that are to be tried:

People vs. Joseph Mertens, burglary.
People vs. Warren Cameron, wife desertion.
People vs. Charles Adams, murder.
People vs. Charles Adams, violation of local option.

Issue of Fact.

Pickrell & Crage Co., a corporation vs. Geo. L. Jessup, assumpsit.
John Rasch Co., incorporated vs. Geo. Jessup, assumpsit.
D. H. Kirkey vs. Clark Burt, appeal.
Henry J. Dodge vs. Gilbert Taylor, et al.
Clarence Cornell vs. Malon Fidler, trespass on the case.
Frederick E. Leighton vs. Ithaca Roller Mills.
Dudley E. Waters and Paul L. King, Receiver of the Pere Marquette R. R. vs. C. E. VanSlyke et al., assumpsit.
Washington Merchant vs. Albert Church, case.
Ithaca Roller Mills, a corporation vs. Ann Arbor Railroad Co., a corporation, assumpsit.
Daniel Rogers vs. Eber Loomis, assumpsit.
Clara Carter as Adm. Estate Geo. Carter deceased vs. Michigan Sugar Co., assumpsit.
Edmond Moffett vs. Mich. Sugar Co., a corporation, assumpsit.
James D. Ledyard, appeal from Probate Court.
Pittsburg Steel Co., a corporation vs. Albert M. Derry and Earl Derry, assumpsit.
John Costen vs. Adm. Est. Loren Barnes, deceased vs. Ann Arbor R. R., case.
Ithaca Roller Mills vs. Ann Arbor Railroad, appeal.
Chas. Huggert vs. Dudley E. Waters, Pere Marquette.
H. H. McWilliams, admr. of Est. of Koehler, deceased vs. J. E. Thompson and Ann Thompson, appeal.
Ithaca Gleaner-Farmers' Elevator Co., a corporation vs. L. Del Allen and Geo. Kipp, assumpsit.

Divorce.

Daniel O. Cornell vs. Ellen Cornell.
Roa Hartman vs. Homer R. Hartman.
Elmer N. Hiffner vs. Ella Hiffner.

Chancery.

George L. Jessup vs. Andrew Thum.
Orrin Fairbanks vs. John Morse et al.
Mich. Sugar Co. vs. Edwin Moffett et al.
Jus. Morrison vs. Frank O. Seney.
Ray C. Grubaugh and Della Grubaugh vs. Geo. L. Jessup, Dora Jessup, Dora Jessup and T. S. Sommerville.

PROFIT SHARING PLAN

Will Continue at Ford Automobile Plant at Detroit

The 10,000,000 profit sharing plan inaugurated by Henry Ford, the automobile king, at his Detroit factories last year has been such a complete success that it will be permanent. Thousands of employees are benefiting by this plan, and many of them in a few years will be financially independent.

A welfare committee employed by the concern inspects the homes of the employees regularly. A certain part of the wages that are received are supposed to be placed in the bank, invested in property, or some good safe security. This protects the employee. Any employee who does not save his wages is put back at the old wage, and if he improves is reinstated; otherwise he must hunt for another job. Practically all of the Ford employees are married or have some one who is dependent upon them for support. When new men are hired this type is given the preference.

LETTER FROM THE WAR COUNTRY.

Simon Messenger received a very interesting letter a short time ago from the war country. The letter was mailed at Vienna, the capital of Austria, December 7th, and received here January 9th. It had already been opened by the censor. There is very strict rule in regard to any correspondence leaving any of the war countries, and every letter or parcel must be opened and the contents noted by the censors of that country.

The letter was written by a cousin of Mr. Messenger, and this is the first time in twenty-five years that they have ever corresponded. He sent a red cross parcel to Austria, and enclosed a letter with it. Consequently the reply. The letter states that business continues the same in Vienna as previous to the war. Necessities are the same price as they have always been. Luxuries have advanced considerably in price, but this is the only noticeable change.

LOCATED AT BELDING

Former Alma Shoe Dealer Nicely Located.

The following article referring to D. E. Brackett, the well known shoe merchant, who until recently occupied a store on Superior street, appeared in the Belding Banner of last week:

"Guy E. Alexander has sold his shoe stock. The purchaser is D. E. Brackett of Alma. The deal was closed last week, and the new owner began immediately to arrange for the placing of an additional stock which he will bring here from Alma.

"Mr. Brackett has been a shoe merchant in Alma for four months, but has had almost thirty years' experience in the mercantile business in various cities of the state. At different times he was located at Lansing, Jackson, and Middleton. He will move here in the near future, and make Belding his future home. Mr. Brackett has three sons, who are located in Escanaba, Lansing and Boston, Massachusetts respectively.

"Mr. Brackett enters the local field with bright prospects for the future. He will enlarge the stock to include shoes and rubbers for every member of the family. In the current issue of the Banner you will find a full page announcement telling about the offerings that are being made in shoes and rubbers by Mr. Brackett."

THE CAT AND THE FIDDLE

The Best Show of Its Kind Ever Staged in Alma

Manager Adams of the Wright Opera House staged one of the best musical comedies, "The Cat and the Fiddle," that the residents of Alma have had the pleasure of seeing for some time, last Wednesday evening.

A very fine company of twenty-five, consisting of comedians, singers, dancers, and a pretty chorus with new and catchy music, presented this comedy in a capable manner before a large audience.

Several good features were given. "Mother Goose Baby Dolls" was very unique and original, all of the fabled characters of "Mother Goose," "Little Red Riding Hood," etc., were presented in a lifelike manner, with their ditty in rhyme and song which furnished a pleasing and original melody. Several of the others were, "My Maid in the Moon," "Rosey Dreams," "In the Shadow of the Old Date Tree," "1892," and many others.

Nineteen elaborate scenes were given consisting of every idea and possibility in scenic effects. The cast was headed by Edward Gilmore, an unusually clever comedian, and assisted by a very competent troupe of actors and actresses.

NEW PRINCIPAL TAKES CHARGE THE 25th

Edward Killian of Allegan, will take up his duties as principal of the Alma High School, Monday, January 25th. Principal R. A. Collins has previously resigned and leaves very soon to accept a position with the teaching staff of the Cleveland Eastern Technical school of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Killian graduated from the University of Michigan in 1900 and has been the head of several schools since that time. He was the principal of a high school in Medford, Oregon and principal of a ward school in Leadville, Colorado. For the past few years he has been at the head of the Allegan High School, at Allegan, Michigan. Mr. Killian will establish his home here.

INCREASES BUSINESS

C. H. Smith Leases F. A. Bennet's Store

WILL CONDUCT TWO BAKERIES

Both Bakeries Will Be Under Same Management.

C. H. Smith, the popular and well known baker, has just closed a rather important deal, whereby he has purchased the bakery located at 207 Superior street, owned by F. A. Bennett. He expects to continue business at his present store 118 West Superior, as well as at his new store.

Mr. Smith came to Alma from Reed City where he had been engaged in the same business in the spring of 1912, and purchased the business of Gray and Gray at 116 West Superior street. He remained at this location for about one year, and then took the store adjoining occupied by L. N. Baker at 116 West Superior. Mr. Baker took the store that Smith had previously occupied, and this new arrangement gave both merchants more room for their respective lines. He has equipped the store with up to date machinery and mixers. Carries a complete line of baked goods. Business has increased so rapidly that it was absolutely necessary to enlarge his quarters, and so he finally managed to purchase the stock of F. A. Bennett and lease the store that the latter now occupies.

The patrons of Smith's bakery will now be able to purchase their baked goods at either end of the town. While



the two stores will be under the same head it is the intention of the proprietor to run them entirely separate. Mr. Smith takes a great deal of pride in his bakery, and it is certainly his privilege to do so. The entire equipment is that of a model and spotlessly clean bakery throughout. The stock can be ranked with any home baking, and is so much different from the baked goods of the average baker that there is no comparison. A prominent Grand Rapids man made the remark that there was nothing in the city of Grand Rapids that could be compared with the Smith bakery in regard to the equipment, cleanliness or quality of the food.

C. H. Smith is a member of the F. A. M. Lodge No. 244; Fitz James' Lodge, No. 35; Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 238, and is an attendant of the First Presbyterian Church.

F. A. Bennett has been in the bakery business in Alma for the past ten years. His first store was located in the Church block, and he occupied this for about five years. Then moved to his present store, and has occupied it ever since. Previous to this time was connected with his brother S. L. Bennett in the bakery and confectionery business.

He has been a resident of Alma for thirty years, and is a member of the Alma Lodge, No. 244 F. A. M.

FOURTEEN STUDENTS COMPLETE GRAMMAR SCHOOL COURSE FRIDAY.

The eighth grade promotion exercises will be held at the grammar school Friday, Jan. 22, at two o'clock. Hira C. Moore of the Alma State Bank will address the class, who invite their friends to be present.

The following pupils enter high school at the end of the semester:

Lester Alden,
Albert Atkinson,
Olen Smith,
Elwin Follette,
Howard Walker,
Francis Mitchell,
Hazel Snyder,
Mildred Dayton,
Marjorie MacCurdy,
Kathleen Hawley,
Mildred Sweet,
Ruth Stevens,
Jennie Gulick,
Leona Coleman.

W. R. C. INSTALLS OFFICERS

The annual installation of the officers of the W. R. C. occurred Wednesday, January 13, at their rooms in the Vaudette hall. The following officers were installed:

President—Mrs. Pardee.
S. V. P.—Mrs. Lewis.
J. W. P.—Mrs. Stuble.
Chaplain—Mrs. Lyons.
Treasurer—Mrs. Walker.
Conductor—Mrs. Davis.
Assistant Conductor—Mrs. Swart-out.

Guard—Mrs. Rule.
Assistant Guard—Mrs. Rowley.
Patriotic Instructor—Mrs. Taylor.
Color Bearers—Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Rawlin and Mrs. Carmer.

Press Correspondent—Mrs. Titus.
Musician—Mrs. Allen.
An oyster supper was served to the veterans, their families and members of the W. R. C. after the exercises.

WELL KNOWN READER

Will Appear at the M. E. Church, February 1

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church has succeeded in securing a well known and exceptionally fine reader and actress to appear at the church Monday evening, February 1. Miss M. C. Hutchinson will interpret "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm."

Miss Hutchinson is a graduate of the Columbia School of Expression of Chicago. For the past two years she has been on the Chautauqua platform. Some of the well known plays that she has previously interpreted are "What Every Woman Knows," "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," and "Much Ado About Nothing."

The following is a clipping from an Ohio paper: "Miss Hutchinson's reading of 'Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm' completely captivated her audience. We were fascinated by Rebecca, made finally to sympathize with her stern-mannered old aunt and from the first we liked her, big-hearted Aunt Jane. Miss Hutchinson's personation of the different characters of the story was exceptionally true and realistic. Miss Hutchinson, as a monologist, will not suffer by comparison with any artist that has appeared on our college platform."

ITHACA MAN ADMITS GUILT

William Russling a former horse jockey was arrested Monday in Ithaca and charged with complicity in the robbery of the store of Henry McCormick late Saturday night.

Russling has several boys, all very young, that he has been giving a thorough education in the arts of theft and petty larceny for some time. Apparently his conscience will not allow him to take it personally.

One of the boys aged seven and another aged ten, were instructed how to get into the store of McCormick and obtain some money. Last Saturday night they entered the store and were sent out, later entered by means of the rear door and hid behind an oil tank. After the store had been locked for the night they succeeded in obtaining about \$30.

Russling was arrested Monday morning and confessed to the crime the following afternoon.

NOTICE

To our subscribers—And those contemplating having a phone installed. We have installed new and up to date equipment over the Journal office and are prepared to give the same efficient service as in the past to our patrons, and also to all new subscribers. If you are thinking of having a phone installed call us up or come and see us, and we will endeavor to please you. All trouble reported to us will receive our prompt attention.

Very truly yours,
UNION TELEPHONE CO.

CHAS. GOGGIN

Mr. Goggin whose offices were burned in the recent fire, is now located in the offices formerly occupied by J. G. Kress, in the Wright block. He is in good condition to attend to all business for his clients.

COLLEGE MUSICAL COURSE

The fourth number of the Alma College Musical course will be given Friday evening, January 22nd at the college chapel. The entertainment will consist of a song recital by Hesse P. Veatch baritone, assisted by Rudolph Byers, reader.

DR. F. A. GILL

Dr. F. A. Gill, whose offices were destroyed by the recent fire, is now located over the Economy Shoe Store.

CAPITAL INCREASED

Increase Capital Stock From \$30,000 to \$50,000

DISCUSS NEW BUILDING

Will Break Ground Early in The Spring

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank of Alma, held January 12, 1915, it was decided by a unanimous vote to increase the capital stock of the bank from \$30,000 to \$50,000, and the price of the new stock to be sold to influential people about Alma was placed at \$225 per share.

Under this new organization the bank's capital will be \$50,000—the surplus fund \$30,000. The bank now has undivided profits of about \$2,500. There is a very strong demand for this new stock among the local investors at the price for which it has been offered. All available stock has been subscribed at this writing. The stock of the bank has already been a profitable investment and in addition to paying highly satisfactory dividends a surplus equal to the capital, \$30,000, has been accumulated.

The erection of the new bank building was discussed at some length and it is expected to break the ground for the foundation of the structure early in the spring. The building will be a two-story brick and stone affair, absolutely modern and complete in every possible way. It will be erected on the vacant lot adjoining the bank.

The election of directors and officers for the coming year resulted in all of the present officers and board of directors being unanimously elected. Those who are to serve during 1915 are as follows: President, G. S. Ward; first vice-president, L. A. Sharp; second vice-president, Francis King; cashier, Carl H. Washburn; assistant cashiers, J. S. Knott and Charles O. Ward. The board of directors are: G. S. Ward, Francis King, C. O. Ward, L. A. Sharp, P. M. Smith, C. H. Washburn and C. G. Rhodes.

A business block adjoining the Dolasky building on Superior street and occupied at the present time by G. V. Wright and Joseph Sartor has just been sold by the bank to the Merchants' Building company. The idea of the buyers is to remodel it throughout, making it into a modern business block with attractive store fronts and model offices.

The bank was first established in 1880 and was conducted under the management of W. S. Turk & Co., until 1901 when the business was taken over by the present organization and the name changed to that of the First State Bank. The deposits were at that time about \$200,000, but during the last few years they have increased very rapidly. At the present time the resources of the bank amount to \$550,000.

JANUARY JURY LIST

These Men Will Serve at the January Term of Court

The jurors for the January term of court have been drawn. Eight citizens of Alma are on the list.

Butler, William, Ithaca, Ithaca.
Brown, George, 3rd ward, Alma.
Boyle, E. M., 4th ward, St. Louis.

Biddinger, George, Hamilton, North Star.
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Best, Willis, Ithaca, Ithaca.

Crum, Leland, Wheeler, Breckenridge.

Campbell, James, 1st ward, Alma.

Daniel, Wm., Fulton, Ithaca.

Dickinson, Vinous, Seville, McNeill.

Hammell, Wm., Lafayette, McNeill.

Hovess, M. F., 2nd ward, St. Louis.

Hart, O. G., 3rd ward, St. Louis.

Isham, Chas., North Star, Middleton.

Jolley, C. F., Washington, Ponsopli.

Kennett, Arthur Hamilton, Ashley.

Knowlton, R. J., Newark, Ithaca.

Lott, Frank, North Star, North Star.

Marzolf, Samuel, Emerson, Ithaca.

Mates, Peter, 2nd ward, Alma.

Meloy, Emerson, 4th ward, Alma.

Miller, Myron, Sumner, Alma.

McLean, Frank, Bethany, St. Louis.

Putman, C. M., Pine River, Alma.

Peternell, Wm., Elba, Ashley.

Rockfellow, Fred, Arcadia, Alma.

Smith, J. D., Fulton, Perrierot.

Toed, C. J., New Haven, Sumner.

Wright, L. C., 1st ward, Alma.

White, Chas., 1st ward, St. Louis.

Wang, Roy, Emerson, St. Louis.

ARCADA FARMERS' CLUB.

The January meeting of the Arcada Farmers' Club will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hainline, one mile south and one half mile west of Alma on January the 28th.

Please bring folding tables and Pentecostal hymn books. Program for the meeting will be as follows:

Opening song—"Bring Them In," No. 23 Pentecostal.

Lord's Prayer in unison.

Song—"The Comforter Has Come," 309 Pentecostal.

Address of Welcome—Mr. Hainline.

Roll call.

Reading—Rev. J. W. Priest.

Instrumental music—Lew Irish.

Reading—Mrs. H. C. Smith.

Reading—Mrs. E. H. Weese.

Music—Miss Louise Hainline.

Reading—Harry Walston.

Question Box.

Closing Song—"We'll Never Say Good Bye," No. 102 Pentecostal.

Mrs. A. E. Miller.

Mrs. G. Irish.

Mrs. B. F. Cline.

Mrs. G. Peck.

BREEDERS MEET

Convention Met at Lansing January 14 and 15

At a meeting of the Michigan Live Stock Breeders and Feeders' Association, held at Lansing, January 14th and 15th, there were over a thousand farmers present.

Several measures were discussed which will be presented before the new legislature, for the promotion of the interests of the association and the live stock industry of the state.

The Holstein breeders took a stand in favor of a law which will compel all railroads to disinfest stock cars immediately after the cattle have been unloaded. The sheep breeders adopted a resolution urging the passage of a law, which will compel all owners of dogs to pay a tax of \$5 instead of the present license of \$2. The Shorthorn association asked for the enactment of a statute compelling creameries to pasteurize all skim milk. The Michigan Horse Breeders' association, recommended changes in regard to the present stallion law which will make it more effective.

All of the sheep men present linked interests and launched an organization to be known hereafter as the Michigan Sheep Breeders and Feeders' association.

The officers elected were: President, Comfort A. Tyler, Coldwater; secretary-treasurer, William H. Schantz, Hastings. The new association will devote its energies to the promotion and development of the sheep raising industry in this state.

ALVARADO PLAYERS

Alma theater goers will be pleased to hear that the Alvarado Players are to appear at the Wright Opera House for an entire week, commencing Monday, January 25th. This company has previously played here appearing last year and presenting some unusually high class dramas.

This company is one of the most widely and favorably known stock companies in the states. The cast is headed by Mr. Arthur Blackaller, and he is considered by all who have been fortunate enough to see him in his many different roles, to be one of the best character actors on the stage today. Blackaller who is supported by a very fine company will fill the many various parts that stock actors and actresses are called upon to act in a capable manner.

The opening performance is a very strong drama entitled, "A Man and His Mate." This will be presented Monday evening and the usual Ladies complimentary tickets will be given with each 30c seat.

MODERN BUILDING TO BE ERECTED.

Henry Rockwell has just purchased of the Katen House, the building located on West Superior street, and occupied at the present time by G. B. Porter, the optometrist, and C. A. Sawkins, the piano dealer.

Commencing the first of March, he intends to tear down the present structure and erect a modern two-story brick block, possibly a three-story building, with all of the modern appliances. The first floor is to be devoted to stores, and the second floor to offices, the rear and possibly the third floor for rooms. The lot occupied by the present building has a frontage of 26 1/2 feet on Superior street, and is 132 feet deep.

DR. C. B. GARDNER

Because of the fire in the Pollasky Block, Dr. Gardner has opened his offices above the Francis King office on State street.

POULTRY SHOW

Central Michigan Poultry Exhibit Jan. 25 to 29

MANY BIRDS ENTERED

Studebaker Garage Will Be Converted Into A Show Room

The first exhibition of the Central Michigan Poultry association at Alma will be held at the new garage just completed by J. D. Spinks and now occupied by the Studebaker agency, January 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29.

The officers and directors of the association have made elaborate plans to make their first show a success and as good if not better than any similar exhibition ever held in the county.

Breeders throughout the world have the privilege of exhibiting at the show and several entries have already been made by poultry raisers outside of the state.

Premiums.
All First prize birds will receive 25 per cent of the entry fees of their class.

All Second prize birds will receive 15 per cent of the entry fees of their class.

In addition to the cash and special prizes, handsome ribbons will be given for: First, Blue; Second, Red; Third, Yellow; Fourth, Green.

Special Prizes.
Sweepstake Cup by F. W. Traviss, Jackson, Mich.

Officers.
President—M. H. Wells.
Vice-President—Fred Rowland.
Secretary-Treasurer—L. C. Wright.
Superintendent—Frank E. Boyd.
Judge—Frank W. Traviss.

Executive Committee.
W. H. Parr, William Schiff, V. Holmberg, Fred Rowland, Royal Hyde, F. W. Traviss of Jackson will award the prizes.

RELIGIOUS CAMPAIGN

Alma Churches to Unite in Evangelistic Services

The churches of Alma have unanimously agreed to enter into a united evangelistic campaign which will commence about the first of March.

Rev. Edward P. Loose of Waukegan, Wisconsin, and Professor Halvor Lillenas have been invited to lead the campaign. Mr. Loose is a man of proven worth and experience. He has led successful meetings of this type from one end of the country to the other for the last twenty years. A man with a wonderful personality and an impressive talker who reaches the heart and conscience of his audience at every lecture.

The daily press of Springfield, Ill., speaks of him in this way: "His power as a pointed pungent, practical Gospel preacher makes him a 'Lisbon Earthquake' spiritually. When he goes there is no disastrous reaction. A clean-cut personality that is commanding, he always gets the people of the community. The only trouble here has been to get a place to hold the crowds that he attracts."

Professor Lillenas is the author of over seven hundred hymns and songs, and will be an unusually good man to direct the singing at the meetings.

The coming of these men to our city will be an event of tremendous importance, and the united churches call upon the whole community to prepare for and co-operate in the greatest religious movement that has ever come to the city.

STATE SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

The annual convention of the Michigan Sportsmen's association will be held at Lansing January 27 and 28. Exhibits fully depicting all types of animal life in Michigan will be displayed.

The show will consist of live and mounted game, animals and birds, sporting implements. The Michigan fish commission will have an unusually attractive exhibit, consisting of twelve large tanks showing all of the fish of the state in their natural elements.

Game authorities known throughout the country will deliver addresses during the exhibition.

ALMA VS. KALAMAZOO FRIDAY

The Alma College Basketball team is scheduled to play the Kalamazoo Normal team at the High School hall Friday evening. This will be the first athletic contest ever arranged between these two schools.